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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 5645

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM AMBASSADOR

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR ASEC UR US

SUBJECT: HARASSMENT OF SOVIETS IN US

REF: USUN 1471

1. I HAVE NOTED WITH CONCERN THE PROBLEM, HIGHLIGHTED BY AMBASSADOR SCRANTON IN USUN 1471, OF ENLISTING THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN ABATING THE CAMPAIGN OF HARASSMENT OF SOVIET OFFICIALS IN NEW YORK. I WOULD HOPE IN PARTICULAR THAT SOMETHING COULD BE DONE TO ARREST PERSONS CARRYING PLACARDS THREATENING THE LIVES OF SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES AND KIDNAPPING OF THEIR CHILDREN. IF IT WOULD BE HELPFUL AT THIS POINT, YOU MIGHT RELAY THE FOLLOWING PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ME TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, WITH A COPY TO AMBASSADOR SCRANTON:

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2. BEGIN TEXT. THOSE OF US SERVING AT THE EMBASSY IN MOSCOW

DEEPLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS OF YOUR DEPARTMENT IN PROSECUT-
ING UNDER FEDERAL LAW PERPETRATORS OF CRIMINAL HARASSMENT
AGAINST SOVIET OFFICIALS IN THE US. RETALIATION BY
THE SOVIETS AGAINST INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF MY STAFF
HAS ADDED A PERSONAL DIMENSION TO OUR OFFICIAL CONCERN
OVER THE SERIOUS NEGATIVE IMPACT OF THIS HARASSMENT UPON
US-USOVIET RELATIONS.

I AM AWARE OF THE LEGAL AND JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEMS
IN THIS AREA, BUT I WOULD URGE A RENEWED EFFORT TO PROSECUTE
AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL THOSE ENGAGED IN THE HARASSMENT
CAMPAIGN TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE UNDER APPLICABLE
LAW. END TEXT.
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